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Examiner

David L. Lewis

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/12/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-14, 17-22, 25-28 and 30-33.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                                    |
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|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. Claims 11-14, 17-22, and 25-28, and 30-33 are allowed over the prior art of record. Claims 1-10, 15, 16, 23, 24, and 29 have been Canceled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Applicant has canceled previously rejected claim 29 to incorporate the subject matter into claim 27, and filed a Terminal Disclaimer in view of the Double Patenting issue of claims 11, 19, and amended claim 27. **The subject matter of claims 11, 19, and 27 are allowable in view of the Terminal Disclaimer of Patent No's 6244959 and 6239806 filed on 12/12/2005.** Independent claims 11, 19, and 27, distinguish over Garrido, who fails to teach or suggest the Applicants claimed invention. Specifically the feature in the Applicant's claims 11, 19, and 27, comprising two way communication and whereby said game program executing processing system is operable to determine the direction and speed for said player controlled object based on the amount of joystick angular inclination and inclined direction. Upon further consideration and in view of the interview of 11/10/2005 the Examiners agrees with the Applicants arguments filed on 5/24/2005 are persuasive. The combination of Ho, Marcus, and Ishiwata, failed to properly remedy what's lacking in Garrido. Therefore said features in combination with the other limitations of the above independent claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

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3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **David L. Lewis** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7673**. The examiner can normally be reached on MT and THF from 8 to 5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala, can be reached on **(571) 272-7681**. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571)-273-8300.

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Examiner: David L. Lewis

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